

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A weed-preventing paper for cultivating a plant, comprising:  
a paper body covering a surface of a soil where said plant is to be grown, and having at least two cross openings for said plant to pass therethrough, wherein one of said at least two cross openings is arranged in a central portion and said at least two cross openings have a lateral crosscut passing therethrough and extending to an edge of said paper body for facilitating said paper body to be mounted around a stem of said plant;  
a weed-preventing agent contained in said paper body for blocking light so as to prevent the growth of a weed surrounding said plant; and  
a water indicator printed on said paper body and showing hydrous and anhydrous states thereof via different colors for being a reminder of watering.
2. (cancelled).
3. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 wherein said water indicator contains a cobaltous chloride ( $\text{CoCl}_2$ ).
4. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 wherein said water indicator is printed on said paper in a shape of a word or a figure.
5. (previously presented) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 further comprising a control-release fertilizer to be dissolvable in water to provide nutrients for the growth of said plant and reduce a manpower cost of fertilizing.
6. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 5 wherein said control-release fertilizer is integrated into said paper body by adding in a pulp thereof, or coated thereon or adhered thereto.
7. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 further comprising a beautifying figure printed on said paper body.

8. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 7 wherein said beautifying figure is an image selected from a group consisting of a flower, a grass, a person and a scenery.
9. (previously presented) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 wherein a surface of said paper body has a silver color for preventing insect encroachment.
10. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 wherein said weed-preventing paper is applied to one of a potted plant and a fruit tree.
11. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 10 wherein said paper body is circular.
12. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 11 wherein said paper body has a diameter equal to that of one of a pot where said potted plant is grown therein and an under-canopy area of said fruit tree.
13. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 wherein said weed-preventing agent is one of inorganic and organic fillers being one selected from a group consisting of a black carbon, a silicon dioxide and a titanium dioxide.
14. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 1 wherein said paper body is made of a biodegradable fiber.
15. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 14 wherein said fiber is one of a plant fiber and a polymer fiber.
16. (currently amended) A weed-preventing paper for cultivating a plant, comprising:  
a paper body covering a surface of a soil where said plant is to be grown, and having at least two cross openings for said plant to pass therethrough, wherein one of said at least two cross openings is arranged in a central portion and said at least two cross openings have a lateral crosscut passing therethrough and extending to an edge of said paper body for facilitating said paper body to be mounted around a stem of said plant; and  
a weed-preventing agent contained in said paper body for blocking light so as to prevent the growth of a weed surrounding said plant.

17. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 16 further comprising a water indicator as a reminder of watering.
18. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 17 wherein said water indicator contains a cobaltous chloride ( $\text{CoCl}_2$ ).
19. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 17 wherein said water indicator is printed on said paper in a shape of a word or a figure.
20. (previously presented) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 16 further comprising a control-release fertilizer to be dissolvable in water to provide nutrients for the growth of said plant and reduce a manpower cost of fertilizing.
21. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 16 wherein said weed-preventing agent is one of inorganic and organic fillers being one selected from a group consisting of a black carbon, a silicon dioxide and a titanium dioxide.
22. (original) The weed-preventing paper according to claim 16 wherein said paper body is made of a biodegradable fiber.